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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Toshio YAMADA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1764

Serial No.: 09/701,430

Examiner: Hien Tran

Filed: November 29, 2000

For: CANNING STRUCTURE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING CATALYTIC CONVERTER  
USING THE CANNING STRUCTURE

CONFIRMATION OF ORAL RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is to confirm the recent telephone conversations between the Examiner and the undersigned regarding an oral two-way restriction requirement between product claims 1 to 6 and method claim 7 and applicants' election with traverse of the first claim group, namely article claims 1 to 6. The election is made with traverse because there is no indication in the record that the subjects matter of all claims cannot readily be examined at the same time.

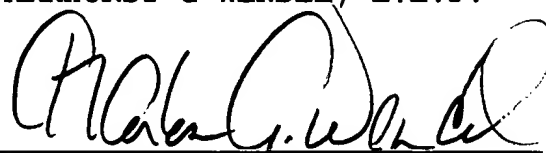
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An early examination of at least claims 1 to 6 is earnestly solicited.

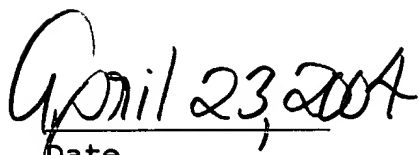
Respectfully submitted,

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